ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE T

Vote **YES** on Measure T to protect City services.

60 years ago, Burbank voters approved a limited annual transfer of 7% from Burbank Water and Power's (BWP) annual sales of electricity to the City's operating budget, the General Fund. As the voters intended, that transfer to the General Fund has paid for essential City services ranging from parks, senior services, police, fire, libraries, street repair, and lighting for community use of public facilities, like schools. Currently, that amount is approximately \$12.5 million.

As recently as 2007, voters reaffirmed this transfer decision when we voted to clarify this same Charter provision. The Courts are requiring the City to ask voters for the third time to approve this transfer to the General Fund and City services. Once again, we are asking you to vote "Yes" to clarify this same Charter provision:

A "Yes" vote will not result in any new taxes;

It is not a new provision. This is for clarification in response to State Law;

Existing restrictions and caps on the City Council use of funds will remain in place;

If this measure is approved, the City will continue to transfer not more than 7% from BWP's gross annual sales of electricity, paid for by retail rate payers, to the City's General Fund in support of the community services for which Burbank is well known.

Failure to approve this measure will result in the loss of approximately \$12.5 million revenue which will negatively affect community services across the board.

Please vote **YES** on Measure T to protect Burbank services.

/s/ Will Rogers Mayor, City of Burbank

/s/ Emily Gabel-Luddy Vice Mayor, City of Burbank

/s/ Jess A. Talamantes Council Member, City of Burbank

/s/ Bob Frutos Council Member, City of Burbank

/s/ Sharon A. Springer Council Member, City of Burbank